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Hi all, I hope you had a great week. This weekend is a long one for those living in the U.S. as it is our national holiday Labor Day this coming Monday. The auctions are still booming though and those on the West Coast are going to be attending the Goldberg auction as well as the Long Beach Show. I'm just a few weeks out from my European trip where I will be attending auctions and viewing those coming up in October and December. Although I won't be in Chicago I will be reachable at all times. I routinely am on my computer when I enter in viewing notes so email is a great way to get in touch. For those that don't want to email you can call me but honestly it is not my preferred way to communicate. The reason is that there is more possibility that mistakes can happen if you give me bids over the phone. Texting is also fine for me too.

Here is what is coming down the pipeline:

Ira and Larry Goldberg Auction 106 - Pre-Long Beach Sale (Sept 4-5)

Goldberg has two days of auctions prior to the Long Beach show (which I have yet to attend but would like to in the future). On September 4th they will auction 1,536 ancient and world coins. Of the 1,536 there are 629 ancients. There are quite a few Greek coins from the Lee Rousseau Collection. His collection has some stunning pieces and is worth a look. There is also a very large group of Judaeian coins from the "The Palm Desert Collection". Somewhat interesting as well is lot 1450 which is a 113-piece city coinage collection that was purchased at one time from David Hendin in the 1970's or early 80's. David literally wrote the book on Judaeian coins so this might be a nice group lot for a beginning collector as the estimate is quite reasonable. I will be available for live online bidding in this auction so please get in touch if you want my help for representation.

Paul-Francis Jacquier Auction 44 (Sept 13)

Jacquier is holding his 44th auction on Sept 13. This auction has a lovely selection of coins at reasonable prices. Jacquier is also known for being a bookseller and this auction does not disappoint. In addition to the 262 numismatic literature lots, he is offering duplicates from the BCD library. For those of you not aware, the man BCD auctioned off his collection in several sales from the top numismatic firms. In addition to his collection, he also is known for his massive library which many a dealer and collector have been permitted access. This is the second time that Jacquier will offer duplicates from the BCD library. I'm planning to participate in the auction so please get in touch if you need representation.

Fall European Auctions

I can finally report that all the Fall auctions I am attending have been posted on Sixbid and Numisbids. There is a lot of nice material and not enough time to properly discuss each one. I'll try to give a small taste of what is in each auction below but please take the time to look online and check out the lots. I appreciate getting your bids at least a few days (if not more) before the auction so I can view coins properly. For those that want more information on my representation fees just give me a call or shoot me an email.

NAC Auction 110 and 111 (Sept 24)

Catalogs are going to be late and possibly might not be worth sending out until after I am back (for those that have success and want one). That said, viewing online is just as easy and you can enlarge to really see details which might be missing from the photographs. There are a few major collections being auctioned off. The first is the Jean L. Collection of Greek Coins. Many will notice coins that have pedigrees that go back to the early 1900's. Impressive and lovely pieces of course. Some may note that several have come from NAC auctions in the last 5-10 years. This phenomena occurs more often now where coins are coming quicker back to market. While I don't advocate to clients to sell their coins quickly I understand that everyone has reasons of their own for selling. I call this a second opportunity for customers to get coins that they liked but possibly lost. If you like pedigrees then you must look at this auction.

Catalog 111 is 250 coins from primarily two collections. The entire catalog is of only gold coins. One of the consignors is anonymous but the other is the now deceased but very well known academic and author Dr. Pierre Bastien. Dr. Bastien was first a surgeon but his hobby was an important part of his life. He became an expert on late Roman numismatics and his books are referenced quick frequently still, therefore, it is a real treat to see his coins come to auction.

Roma Auction 16 (Sept 26)

Some of you have gotten the catalogs I sent out which I received last week from Roma. If you want one I still have a few left so please just get in touch. Roma is offering 873 high quality ancient coins in this auction. Of note is a considerably large collection of Etruscan coins. I counted at least 90 of them at the beginning of the catalog. There are also some scarcely offered pieces such as a Naxos tetradrachm (lot 146) which is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the Greek series. I noticed 6 (yes 6!) bronzes of Cleopatra in the catalog as well. If you ever wanted a coin of Cleopatra I suppose now would be the time. The Roman section is just as impressive with many outstanding types in both gold, silver and bronze. I will be attending this auction and if you really

read my newsletters then you will shoot me an email and wish me a happy birthday on the 26th as I'll be celebrating by buying my customers some nice coins! (yes, this is a test to see who really reads the newsletter).

Künker Auction Auction 312 - Ancients portion only (Oct 8)

The festivities in Osnabrück actually begin on October 5 and end on the 12th, however the ancient portion will fall on October 8. My last trip to Osnabrück around this time last year was absolutely delightful. If you ever have a chance to visit the folks at Künker, do so! They really make you feel at home. This auction features two major collections, one of "Dr. W.R." and the Eberhard Link collection of Roman Aes Grave. There is a very large grouping of ancient Spanish coins and yet an even larger Celtic coin section. The catalog really has a lot to offer in terms of varied coinage and pedigree. It is worth to check out. I'll be viewing Künker from October 2-5 so please get me your bids prior to this.

Gorny & Mosch Auction 257 - Ancients portion only (Oct 15)

G&M has a nice auction comprised of 1,036 coins. It has been awhile since I attended a G&M auction because of timing conflicts. I'm happy to be able to go out for this auction as there seems to be some nice material on offer. There is a substantial Celtic section of 93 coins. The Greek section is varied but has some excellent offers on Sicilian coinage. The estimates for the auction are very reasonable and the quality high. I will be viewing G&M on the a few days prior to the auction so please keep that in mind when giving me bids to allow for sufficient viewing.

Upcoming European Auctions

There are a few notable auctions that will take place after I return back to Chicago. That said, I am going to do my best to view these auctions so I can better serve customers. The following auctions will take place and many are already up for viewing.

Maison Palombo Geneve Auction 17 (Oct 20): This auction only has 117 ancient coins but they are not your ordinary offerings. Among the pieces are a few extreme rarities that collectors only dream. As I will be in Switzerland already I may try to coordinate a day trip to Geneva to view this auction. Anyone really interested in this auction please get in touch before Sept 21 so I can try to prioritize viewing this collection.

Leu Numismatik (October): Leu will hold a live auction sometime in late October. I can't say yet what the contents of the auction will be but I am going to view the material when I am there in September. Please note that Leu will have their web auction 5 on September 23. I will have the possibility to view that material while there. If you would like anything viewed please let me know. In the interest of space I will mention their web auction in newsletter next week.

Nomos (October): Nomos will hold their auction around the time of Leu in late October. Again, I am planning on viewing their material when I am in Zurich.

Hess Divo (early December): I've been contacted by Ulf Künker that Hess Divo will coordinate their auction with NGSA Geneva in December. The catalogs are not yet available but I will view the collection and take viewing notes when I am in Switzerland.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/gk1228>

PTOLEMAIC EGYPT. Ptolemy IV. 221-205 BC. 221-205 BC

AR Tetradrachm, 13.99g (21mm, 12h). Bust right of jugate Zeus and Serapis, wearing laurel wreath above which small cap of Osiris, and Isis wearing corn wreath above which globe and horns / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΠΤΟΛΟΜΙΑΥ starting at 1h and around. Eagle standing on thunderbolt with cornucopia to right. ΔΙ between legs. Dotted border.

Pedigree: Ex Ars Classica XII, 1926, lot 2604. Ex Leu 7, 1973, lot 304

Price: \$9,000

Ptolemy IV "Philopator" (which translates into loving his father) was a weak leader in the long line of the Ptolemies. His reign was plagued with threats from the advancing Seleucids to which he lost part of his kingdom. His downfall was to take advice from his favorites at the expense of his family. He murdered his mother, uncle and brother and then took his sister Arsinoe as his wife. An unnerving but not uncommon practice among the Ptolemies. When he died in 205, his closest advisors kept it a secret for a year and murdered Arsinoe in the process leaving his young son at their mercy.

References: Svoronos 1124

Grade: Pretty cabinet toning. Small area of horn silver on reverse between 9-11h. Overall consistent wear. Iridescent toning. Lovely aEF

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<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/gk1228>

If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!

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